

reports that naxal groups are trying to expand their influence in new areas in some other States. However, there are no reports to suggest its spread to J&K.

(b) CRPF is functioning in close cooperation with the State police forces and has adopted a people friendly approach. Operations are undertaken . with due respect for human rights and without any collateral damage. Efforts are also made to generate public support through various public interface programmes.

(c) Available reports indicate that the terrorist related incidents of violence in J&K during 2003,2004,2005 and2006 (upto October) were 3401,2565, 1990 and 1442 respectively.

(d) The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border terrorism/infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes *inter-alia*, strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment of security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and proactive action against the terrorists, within the State. The counter terrorism/ infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

#### **AIDS amongst personnel of paramilitary forces**

†60. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether AIDS has been detected amongst CRPF and BSF personnel; if so, the number of affected in each;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the measures taken by Government to prevent it; and

(c) whether Pakistan's ISI is plotting to spread AIDS virus amongst troops; if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) 216 personnel in CRPF and 300 in BSF have been detected as AIDS affected. Lack of awareness regarding the mode of transmission of this infection is the primary reason for its spread. Various steps for its prevention have been taken, such as:—

- (1) An Action Plan for prevention of HIV/AIDS among the CRPF personnel have been implemented.
- (2) Task Force constituted for prevention of HIV/AIDS in the CRPF
- (3) Supply of Testing Kits to all unit Hospitals.
- (4) Education of troops and families with regards to HIV/AIDS and preventive measures.
- (5) Regular screening of films & documentaries on HIV/AIDS in unit recreation rooms and Family Welfare Centers.
- (6) Dissemination of educational pamphlets in training schools,
- (c) No such input has been received.

**Bogus freedom fighters In A.P.**

61. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had requested Andhra Pradesh Government to start criminal proceedings against some persons for falsely claiming for freedom fighter pensions for their participation in Hyderabad Liberation Movement (HLM);

(b) if so, the names of such persons and since when they were drawing pension as freedom fighters of HLM;

(c) whether the pension earlier granted to them has been cancelled and the amount paid to them in the past has been recovered from them;

(d) if so, the details in this regard; and

(e) the outcome of legal proceedings initiated against them?